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Full attention must be paid to driving at all times in order to reduce the risk of an accident. Using a mobile while driving (even with a handsfree kit) causes distraction and can lead to an accident. Please comply with laws and regulations restricting the use of wireless devices while driving.



Switch off the terminal or mobile before boarding an aircraft. The operation of wireless appliances in an aircraft is forbidden to prevent interference with communication systems. If there is an Airplane Mode, it should be enabled prior to boarding an aircraft. Please consult the airline staff for more restrictions on the use of wireless devices on an aircraft.



Wireless devices may cause interference on sensitive medical equipment, so please be aware of the restrictions on the use of wireless devices when in hospitals, clinics or other healthcare facilities.



Terminals or mobiles operating over radio signal and cellular network cannot be guaranteed to connect in certain conditions, such as when the mobile bill is unpaid or the (U)SIM card is invalid. When emergency help is needed in such conditions, use emergency call if the device supports it. In order to make or receive a call, the terminal or mobile must be switched on in a service area with adequate cellular signal strength. In an emergency, the device with emergency call function cannot be used as the only contact method considering network connection cannot be guaranteed under all circumstances.



The terminal or mobile contains a transceiver. When it is ON, it receives and transmits radio frequency signals. RF interference can occur if it is used close to TV sets, radios, computers or other electric equipment.



In locations with explosive or potentially explosive atmospheres, obey all posted signs and turn off wireless devices such as mobile phone or other terminals. Areas with explosive or potentially explosive atmospheres include fueling areas, below decks on boats, fuel or chemical transfer or storage facilities, and areas where the air contains chemicals or particles such as grain, dust or metal powders.



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# 1 Introduction

This document defines the FCS962N-LP&FCS963N-LP and describes its air interfaces and hardware interfaces which are connected with your applications. With this document, you can quickly understand module interface specifications, RF performance, electrical and mechanical details, as well as other related information of the module.

#### **NOTE**

For conciseness purposes, the information applicable to both FCS962N-LP and FCS963N-LP in this document is merged; for information related to the differences between the modules, they will be stated as "FCS962N-LP" and "FCS963N-LP" respectively.

### 1.1. Special Mark

**Table 1: Special Mark** 

Mark	Definition
	Brackets ([]) used after a pin enclosing a range of numbers indicate all pins of the same
[]	type. For example, SDIO_DATA[0:3] refers to all four SDIO pins: SDIO_DATA0,
	SDIO_DATA1, SDIO_DATA2, and SDIO_DATA3.



Hereby, Quectel Wireless Solutions Co., Ltd. declares that the radio equipment type FCS962N-LP is in compliance with Directive 2014/53/EU. This product can be used across EU member states.

The full text of the EU declaration of conformity is available at the following internet address: <a href="http://www.quectel.com/support/technical.htm">http://www.quectel.com/support/technical.htm</a>

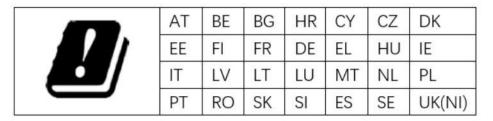
#### Disposal of old electrical appliances



The European directive 2012/19/EU on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), requires that old household electrical appliances must not be disposed of in the normal unsorted municipal waste stream. Old appliances must be collected separately in order to optimize the recovery and recycling of the materials they contain, and reduce the impact on human health and the environment.

The crossed out "wheeled bin" symbol on the product reminds you of your obligation, that when you dispose of the appliance, it must be separately collected.

Consumers should contact their local authority or retailer for information concerning the correct disposal of their old appliance.



This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20cm between the radiator and your body. The device is restricted to indoor use only when operating in the 5150 to 5350 MHz frequency range.



# **2** Product Overview

The FCS962N-LP is a low-power, cost-effective Wi-Fi 6 and Bluetooth module that supports 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz; the FCS963N-LP is a low-power, cost-effective Wi-Fi 6E and Bluetooth module that supports 2.4 GHz, 5 GHz, and 6 GHz. Both of them support IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax and Bluetooth 5.4 protocols, and support maximum data transmission rate up to 143.4 Mbps. Both of them provide an SDIO 3.0 or a GSPI interface for Wi-Fi functions, a UART and a PCM interface for Bluetooth functions.

**Table 2: Basic Information** 

FCS962N-LP&FCS963N-LP		
Packaging type	LCC	
Pin counts	44	
Dimensions	$(12.0 \pm 0.15) \text{ mm} \times (12.0 \pm 0.15) \text{ mm} \times (1.55 \pm 0.20) \text{ mm}$	
Weight	Approx. 0.5 g	



### 2.1. Key Features

**Table 3: Key Features** 

<b>Basic Information</b>				
	Wi-Fi protocols: IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax			
Protocols and Standard	<ul> <li>Bluetooth protocol: Bluetooth 5.4</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>All hardware components are fully compliant with EU RoHS directive</li> </ul>			
	VBAT Power Supply:			
Power Supplies	- 3.0–4.8 V <sup>1</sup>			
rower Supplies	- Typ.: 3.3 V			
	VDD_IO Power Supply:			
	- 1.62–1.98 V			
Other Powers	– Typ.: 1.8 V			
outer i owere	<ul><li>Buck Circuit (VIN_LDO_OUT/VIN_LDO) Power Supply:</li></ul>			
	- 0.64–1.26 V			
	- Typ.: 1.12 V			
Temperature Ranges	<ul> <li>Normal operating temperature <sup>2</sup>: -40 °C to +85 °C</li> </ul>			
	Storage temperature: -40 °C to +125 °C			
EVB Kit	FCS962N-LP-M.2, FCS963N-LP-M.2, RK3568-WF EVB <sup>3</sup>			
RF Antenna Interface				
Wi-Fi/Bluetooth Antenna	ANT_WIFI/BT			
Interface	50 Ω characteristic impedance			
Application Interface				
Wi-Fi Application Interface	SDIO 3.0 or gSPI			
Bluetooth Application Interfaces	UART, PCM			

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  The module is functional across this range of voltages. However, the optimal RF performance is guaranteed only for 3.13 V < VBAT < 3.6 V.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Within this range, the module's indicators comply with IEEE and Bluetooth specification requirements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For more details about EVB, see *document* [1].



# **3** RF Performances

#### 3.1. Wi-Fi Performances

#### **Table 4: Wi-Fi Performances**

#### **FCS962N-LP Operating Frequency**

• **2.4 GHz:** 2.400–2.4835 GHz

• **5 GHz:** 5.150–5.850 GHz

#### **FCS963N-LP Operating Frequency**

• **2.4 GHz:** 2.400~2.4835 GHz

• **5 GHz:** 5.150~5.850 GHz

• **6 GHz:** 5.925~7.125 GHz

#### **Modulation**

DSSS, DBPSK, DQPSK, CCK, BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM, 256QAM, 1024QAM

#### **Encryption Mode**

WPA、WPA2、WPA3

#### **Operating Mode**

- AP
- STA

#### **Transmission Data Rate**

- 802.11b: 1 Mbps, 2 Mbps, 5.5 Mbps, 11 Mbps
- 802.11a/g: 6 Mbps, 9 Mbps, 12 Mbps, 18 Mbps, 24 Mbps, 36 Mbps, 48 Mbps, 54 Mbps
- 802.11n: HT20 (MCS 0–MCS 7)
- 802.11ac: VHT20 (MCS 0–MCS 8)
- 802.11ax: HE20 (MCS 0-MCS 11)

FCS962N-LP Condition (VBAT = 3.3 V; Temp. 25 °C)		EVM	Typ.; Unit: dBm; Tolerance: ±2 dB		
			Transmitting Power	Receiver Sensitivity	
2.4 GHz	802.11b @ 1 Mbps	≤ 35 %	19	-97	



802.11g @ 6 Mbps					
802.11g @ 54 Mbps		802.11b @ 11 Mbps		19	-89
802.11n, HT20 @ MCS 0 ≤ -5 dB 18 -93  802.11n, HT20 @ MCS 7 ≤ -27 dB 17 -75  802.11ax, HE20 @ MCS 0 ≤ -5 dB 18 -93  802.11ax, HE20 @ MCS 11 ≤ -35 dB 15 -63  802.11a @ 6 Mbps ≤ -5 dB 17.5 -91  802.11a @ 54 Mbps ≤ -25 dB 16.5 -74  802.11n, HT20 @ MCS 0 ≤ -5 dB 17.5 -91  802.11n, HT20 @ MCS 0 ≤ -5 dB 17.5 -91  802.11n, HT20 @ MCS 0 ≤ -5 dB 17.5 -91  802.11ac, VHT20 MCS 0 ≤ -5 dB 17.5 -91  802.11ac, VHT20 MCS 0 ≤ -5 dB 17.5 -91  802.11ax, HE20 @ MCS 0 ≤ -5 dB 17.5 -91  802.11ax, HE20 @ MCS 0 ≤ -5 dB 17.5 -91  802.11ax, HE20 @ MCS 0 ≤ -5 dB 17.5 -91  802.11b @ 1 Mbps ≤ -35 dB 13 -60  FCS963N-LP Condition (VBAT = 3.3 V; Temp. 25 °C)  FCS963N-LP SUMBER SUMBE		802.11g @ 6 Mbps	≤ -5 dB	18.5	-93
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	802.11a @ 54 Mbps	≤ -25 dB	TBD	TBD
	802.11n, HT20 @ MCS 0	≤ -5 dB	TBD	TBD
	802.11n, HT20 @ MCS 7	≤ -27 dB	TBD	TBD
	802.11ac, VHT20 MCS 0	≤ -5 dB	TBD	TBD
	802.11ac, VHT20 MCS 8	≤ -30 dB	TBD	TBD
	802.11ax, HE20 @ MCS 0	≤ -5 dB	TBD	TBD
	802.11ax, HE20 @ MCS 11	≤ -35 dB	TBD	TBD
	802.11a @ 6 Mbps	≤ -5 dB	TBD	TBD
6 GHz	802.11a @ 54 Mbps	≤ -25 dB	TBD	TBD
	802.11ax, HE20 @ MCS 0	≤ -5 dB	TBD	TBD
	802.11ax, HE20 @ MCS 11	≤ -35 dB	TBD	TBD



#### 3.2. Bluetooth Performances

#### **Table 5: Bluetooth Performances**

#### **Operating Frequency**

2.400-2.4835 GHz

#### Modulation

GFSK,  $\pi/4$ -DQPSK, 8-DPSK

#### **Operating Mode**

- Classic Bluetooth (BR + EDR)
- Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)

#### **Features**

- LE Long range (LE-LR)
- LE Isochronous Channels
- LE audio

FCS962N-LP	Typ.; Unit: dBm; Tolerance: ±3.5 dB			
Condition (VBAT = 3.3 V; Temp. 25 °C)	Transmitting Power	Receiver Sensitivity		
BR	6.5	-89		
EDR (π/4-DQPSK)	1.5	-87		
EDR (8-DPSK)	1.5	-87		
BLE (1 Mbps)	6.5	-94		
BLE (2 Mbps)	6.5	-92		

FCS963N-LP Condition (VBAT = 3.3 V; Temp. 25 °C)	Typ.; Unit: dBm; Tolerance: ±3.5 dB			
	Transmitting Power	Receiver Sensitivity		
BR	TBD	TBD		
EDR (π/4-DQPSK)	TBD	TBD		
EDR (8-DPSK)	TBD	TBD		
BLE (1 Mbps)	TBD	TBD		
BLE (2 Mbps)	TBD	TBD		



# **4** Application Interfaces

# 4.1. Pin Assignment

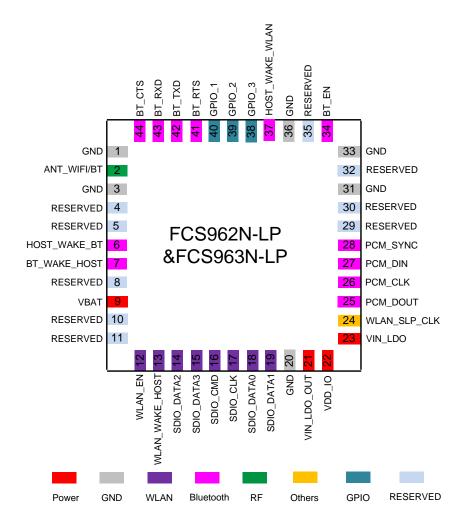


Figure 1: Pin Assignment (Top View)

#### **NOTE**

- 1. Keep all RESERVED pins unconnected.
- 2. All GND pins should be connected to ground.



# 4.2. Pin Definitions

**Table 6: Parameter Definition** 

Parameter	Description
AIO	Analog Input/Output
DI	Digital Input
DO	Digital Output
DIO	Digital Input/Output
PI	Power Input
PO	Power Output

DC characteristics include power domain and rated current.

**Table 7: Pin Description** 

Power Supplies and GND Pins					
Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
VBAT	9	PI	Power supply for the module	Vmin = 3.0 V Vnom = 3.3 V Vmax = 4.8 V	It must be provided with sufficient current of at least 0.5 A.
VDD_IO	22	PI	Power supply for module's I/O pins	Vmin = 1.62 V Vnom = 1.8 V Vmax = 1.98 V	
VIN_LDO_OUT	21	РО	Buck circuit power output	Vmin = 0.64 V Vnom = 1.12 V Vmax = 1.26 V	
VIN_LDO	23	PI	Buck circuit power input	Vmin = 0.64 V Vnom = 1.12 V Vmax = 1.26 V	
GND <sup>4</sup>	1, 3, 2	20, 31, 3	33, 36		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The pin 20 is the exclusive GND for buck circuit.



Wi-Fi Application Inte	rfaces				
Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
WLAN_EN	12	DI	WLAN function enable control		Active high
WLAN_WAKE_HOST	13	DO	WLAN wake up host	_	Active high.
HOST_WAKE_WLAN	37	DI	Host wake-up WLAN	_	If unused, keep it open.
		DI	Read wait (1-bit mode)		Support 1-bit or 4-bit mode. Require impedance of 50 $\Omega$ . SDIO 3.0 compliant. If an external
SDIO_DATA2	14	DIO	SDIO data bit 2 (4-bit mode)	VDD_IO	10~100 kΩ resistor is used to pull up to VDD_IO, it is an SDIO interface. If a 10 kΩ resistor is used to pull down to GND, it is a GSPI interface.
		-	NC (1-bit mode)		
SDIO_DATA3	15	DIO	SDIO data bit 3 (4-bit mode)	_	Support 1-bit or 4-bit mode.
SDIO_CMD	16	DIO	SDIO command		Require impedance of $50 \Omega$ .
SDIO_CLK	17	DI	SDIO clock		SDIO 3.0 compliant.
SDIO_DATA0	18	DIO	SDIO data bit 0	_	Require external 10–100 kΩ resistors to
		DO	IRQ (1-bit mode)	_	pull each of them up to VDD_IO.
SDIO_DATA1	19	DIO	SDIO data bit 1 (4-bit mode)	_	VDD_IO.
Bluetooth Application	Interfa	ces			
Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
BT_EN	34	DI	Bluetooth function enable control	VDD_IO	Active high. If unused, pull it down.



HOST_WAKE_BT	6	DI	Host wake up Bluetooth		
BT_WAKE_HOST	7	DO	Bluetooth wake up host		
PCM_DOUT	25	DO	PCM data output		
PCM_CLK	26	DI	PCM clock		
PCM_DIN	27	DI	PCM data input		
PCM_SYNC	28	DI	PCM data frame sync		If unused, keep them open.
BT_RTS	41	DO	Request to send signal from the module		орен.
BT_TXD	42	DO	Bluetooth UART transmit		
BT_RXD	43	DI	Bluetooth UART receive		
BT_CTS	44	DI	Clear to send signal to the module		
RF Antenna Interfaces	;				
RF Antenna Interfaces Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
	Pin	I/O AIO	Description Wi-Fi/Bluetooth antenna interface		Comment  50 Ω characteristic impedance.
Pin Name	Pin No.		Wi-Fi/Bluetooth		50 Ω characteristic
Pin Name  ANT_WIFI/BT	Pin No.		Wi-Fi/Bluetooth		50 Ω characteristic
Pin Name  ANT_WIFI/BT  Other Interface	Pin No. 2	AIO	Wi-Fi/Bluetooth antenna interface	Characteristics	50 Ω characteristic impedance.
Pin Name  ANT_WIFI/BT  Other Interface  Pin Name	Pin No. 2 Pin No.	AIO	Wi-Fi/Bluetooth antenna interface  Description  WLAN sleep	DC Characteristics	50 Ω characteristic impedance.  Comment  External 32.768 kHz
Pin Name  ANT_WIFI/BT  Other Interface  Pin Name  WLAN_SLP_CLK	Pin No. 2 Pin No.	AIO	Wi-Fi/Bluetooth antenna interface  Description  WLAN sleep	DC Characteristics	50 Ω characteristic impedance.  Comment  External 32.768 kHz
Pin Name  ANT_WIFI/BT  Other Interface  Pin Name  WLAN_SLP_CLK  GPIO Interfaces	Pin No. 2 Pin No. 24	AIO  I/O  DI	Wi-Fi/Bluetooth antenna interface  Description  WLAN sleep clock	DC Characteristics VDD_IO  DC	50 Ω characteristic impedance.  Comment  External 32.768 kHz sleep clock input.
Pin Name  ANT_WIFI/BT  Other Interface  Pin Name  WLAN_SLP_CLK  GPIO Interfaces  Pin Name	Pin No. 2 Pin No. 24	I/O DI	Wi-Fi/Bluetooth antenna interface  Description  WLAN sleep clock  Description  General-purpose	DC Characteristics VDD_IO  DC	50 Ω characteristic impedance.  Comment  External 32.768 kHz sleep clock input.
Pin Name  ANT_WIFI/BT  Other Interface  Pin Name  WLAN_SLP_CLK  GPIO Interfaces  Pin Name  GPIO_1	Pin No. 2 Pin No. 24 Pin No. 40	I/O DI I/O	Wi-Fi/Bluetooth antenna interface  Description  WLAN sleep clock  Description  General-purpose input/output  General-purpose	DC Characteristics  VDD_IO  DC Characteristics	50 Ω characteristic impedance.  Comment  External 32.768 kHz sleep clock input.  Comment



RESERVED Pins		
Pin Name	Pin No.	Comment
RESERVED	4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 29, 30, 32, 35	Keep them open.

### 4.3. Reference Design for Power Supply

The module is powered by VBAT. And it is recommended to use a power supply chip with sufficient current of 0.5 A at least. For better power supply performance, it is recommended to parallel a 47  $\mu$ F decoupling capacitor, and two filter capacitors (4.7  $\mu$ F and 100 nF) near the module's VBAT pin. C4 is reserved for debugging and not mounted by default. In addition, it is recommended to add a TVS near the VBAT to improve the surge voltage bearing capacity of the module. In principle, the longer the VBAT trace, the wider it should be.

The reference circuit for module's power supply is shown in the figure below:

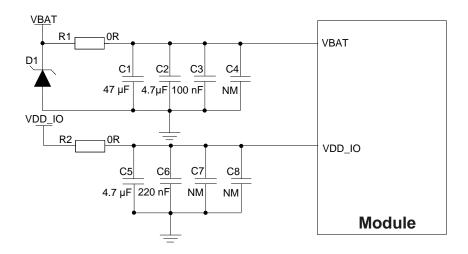


Figure 2: Reference Design of Power Supply



The power-up timing of the module is shown below:

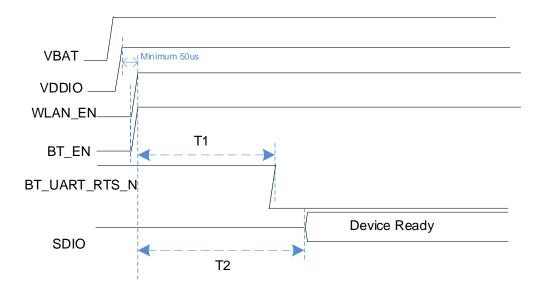


Figure 3: Power-up Timing

#### NOTE

T1: UART can access device after BT\_EN is driven high for 65.5 ms.

T2: SDIO can access device after WLAN\_EN is driven high for 78 ms.

#### 4.3.1. Buck Circuit

The VIN\_LDO and VIN\_LDO\_OUT are the power supply pins for buck circuit. Since the buck circuit is prone to produce high-frequency noise, it warrants special attention. It is recommended to use 2.2  $\mu$ H inductors such as TFM201610ALM-2R2MTAA (TDK) and 4.7  $\mu$ F capacitors. Ensure that the traces are as short as possible and the trace width should not be less than 0.4 mm. In addition, it is recommended to route the traces away from sensitive signals.

The buck circuit reference design and recommended inductance parameters are shown below:



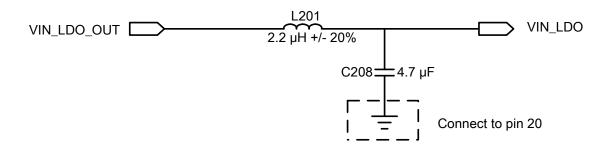


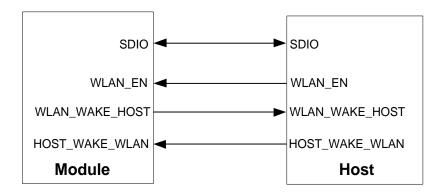
Figure 4: Buck Circuit Reference Design

**Table 8: Recommended Inductance Parameters** 

Parameter	Recommend Value	Unit
Inductance	2.2	μΗ
Tolerance	±20 %	-
DCR	< 0.2	Ω
Rated current (Rising with temperature)	1.15	A

## 4.4. Wi-Fi Application Interfaces

Wi-Fi application interface connection between the module and the host is illustrated in the figure below:



**Figure 5: Wi-Fi Application Interface Connection** 



#### 4.4.1. SDIO Interface

The module supports 1-bit or 4-bit SDIO 3.0 interface (automatic detected when SDIO is connected). SDIO interface connection between the module and the host is illustrated in the figure below:

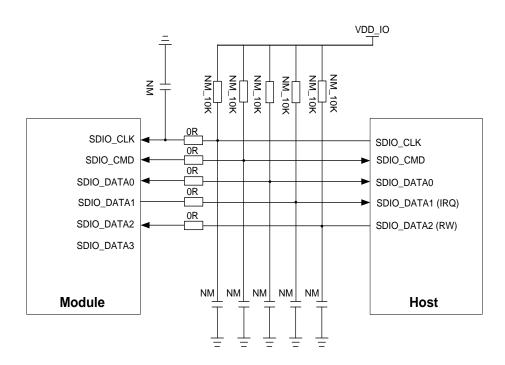


Figure 6: SDIO Interface Connection (1-bit Mode)

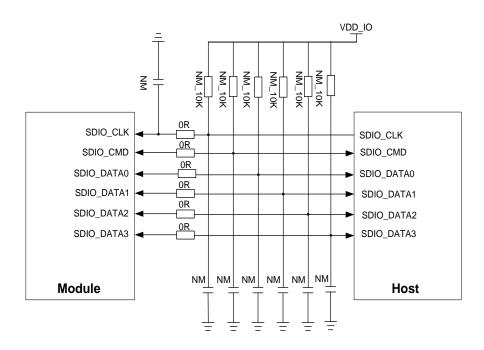


Figure 7: SDIO Interface Connection (4-bit Mode)



To ensure compliance of interface design with the SDIO 3.0 specification, it is recommended to adopt the following principles:

- To avoid jitter of bus, reserve pull-up resistors with value of 10–100 kΩ (recommended value is 10 kΩ) on the SDIO\_CMD, SDIO\_DATA[0:3], and SDIO\_CLK signal traces, and pull them up to VDD\_IO of the module.
- Route the SDIO traces in inner layer of the PCB, and surround the traces with ground on that layer and with ground planes above and below. The impedance of SDIO signal trace is 50  $\Omega$  ±10 %. And the SDIO CLK signal trace should be routed with ground surrounded separately.
- Keep SDIO signal traces far away from power supply traces, crystal-oscillators, magnetic devices, sensitive signals such as RF signals, analog signals, and noise signals generated by clock and DC-DC.
- SDIO\_CLK, SDIO\_DATA[0:3], and SDIO\_CMD signal traces need to be of equal length (the distance between the traces should be less than 1 mm).
- Route SDIO traces on the same layer of the PCB as much as possible, keeping them parallel and ensuring that there are enough ground vias around the SDIO traces and connecting them to a ground plane.
- The total trace length inside the module is 7.3 mm. According to the transmission mode, the exterior total trace length should follow the following rules:
  - 1) SDR104 mode: the recommended total trace length is less than 50 mm;
  - 2) Other modes (such as DDR50 and SDR50): the recommended total trace length is less than 150 mm.
- Keep the adjacent trace clearance twice the trace width and the load capacitance of SDIO bus less than 15 pF.

#### 4.4.2. gSPI Interface

In addition to the SDIO mode, the module also provides a simplified generic SPI (gSPI) interface option. The connection diagram is as follows:

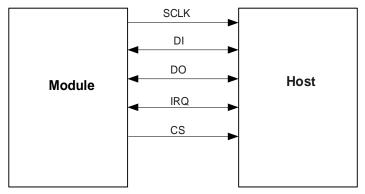


Figure 9: gSPI Interface Connection

Characteristics of the gSPI mode include:

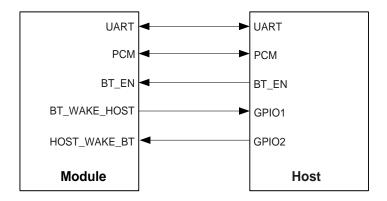
- Up to 50-MHz operation
- Fixed delays for responses and data from the device



- Alignment to host gSPI frames (16 or 32 bits)
- Up to 2-KB frame size per transfer

## 4.5. Bluetooth Application Interfaces

Bluetooth application interface connection between the module and the host is illustrated in the figure below.



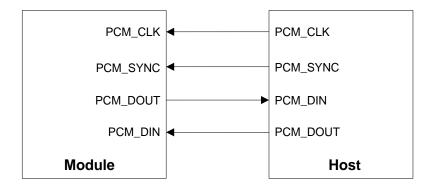
**Figure 8: Bluetooth Application Interface Connection** 

**NOTE** 

The host's GPIO1 connected to the module's BT\_WAKE\_HOST must be interruptible.

#### 4.5.1. PCM Interface

The module provides a PCM interface for Bluetooth audio application. PCM interface connection between the module and the host is illustrated in the figure below:



**Figure 9: PCM Interface Connection** 



#### 4.5.2. Bluetooth UART

The module provides an HCI UART defined by Bluetooth 5.4 protocol. It supports hardware flow control, and can be used for data transmission with the host. The default baud rate is 115200 bps, and the maximum baud rate is 4.0 Mbps.

Bluetooth UART connection between the module and the host is illustrated in the figure below:

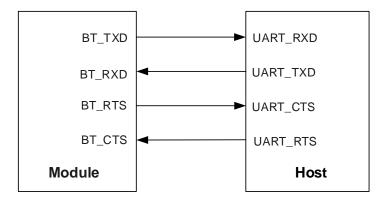


Figure 10: Bluetooth UART Connection

#### NOTE

To increase the stability of UART communication, it is necessary to add UART hardware flow control design

The Bluetooth UART timing and relevant parameters are show below:

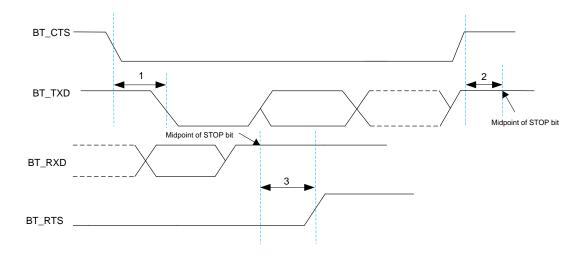


Figure 11: Bluetooth UART Timing



Parameter	Description	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
1	Delay time, BT_CTS low level to BT_TXD low level	-	-	1.5	
2	Setup time, BT_CTS high level to midpoint of stop bit	-	-	0.5	bit periods
3	Delay time, midpoint of stop bit to BT_RTS high level	-	-	0.5	

#### 4.6. RF Antenna Interface

Appropriate antenna type and design should be used with matched antenna parameters according to specific application. It is required to perform a comprehensive functional test for the RF design before mass production of terminal products. The entire content of this chapter is provided for illustration only. Analysis, evaluation and determination are still necessary when designing target products.

The module provides one antenna pin (ANT\_WIFI/BT), and the impedance of antenna port is 50  $\Omega$ .

#### 4.6.1. Reference Design

A reference circuit for the RF antenna interface is provided below. For better RF performance, it is necessary to reserve a dual L-type circuit and add an ESD protection component. The reserved matching components (R1, C1, C2, and D1) should be placed as close to the antenna as possible and mounted or not based on the actual situation. By default, C1, C2 and D1 are not mounted, and only a 0  $\Omega$  resistor is mounted at R1. The parasitic capacitance of TVS should be less than 0.05 pF.

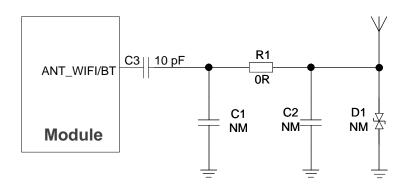


Figure 12: Reference Circuit for Antenna Interface



#### **NOTE**

- 1. It is recommended to reserve ESD protection components for the antenna interfaces and the junction capacitance should not exceed 0.05 pF.
- 2. If there is DC power at the antenna ports, C3 must be used for DC-blocking to prevent short circuit to ground. The capacitance value is recommended to be 10 pF, which can be adjusted according to actual requirements. If there is no DC power in the peripheral design, C3 should not be reserved.

#### 4.6.2. Requirements for Antenna Design

**Table 10: Requirements for Antenna Design** 

Parameter	Requirement <sup>5</sup>
Frequency Range (GHz)	<ul> <li>2.4 GHz: 2.400–2.4835</li> <li>5 GHz: 5.150–5.850</li> <li>6 GHz: 5.925–7.125</li> </ul>
Cable Insertion Loss (dB)	< 1
VSWR	≤ 2 (Typ.)
Gain (dBi)	1 (Typ.)
Max. Input Power (W)	50
Input Impedance (Ω)	50
Polarization Type	Vertical polarization

#### 4.6.3. RF Routing Guidelines

For user's PCB, the characteristic impedance of all RF traces should be controlled as 50  $\Omega$ . The impedance of the RF traces is usually determined by the trace width (W), the materials' dielectric constant, the height from the reference ground to the signal layer (H), and the spacing between the RF traces and the ground (S). Microstrip or coplanar waveguide is typically used in RF layout to control characteristic impedance. The following are reference designs of microstrip or coplanar waveguide with different PCB structures.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For more details about the RF performances, see *Chapter 3*.



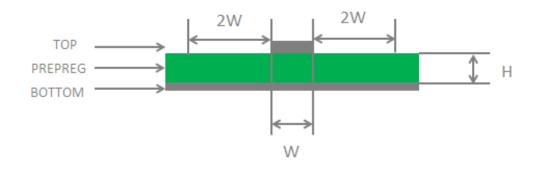


Figure 13: Microstrip Design on a 2-layer PCB

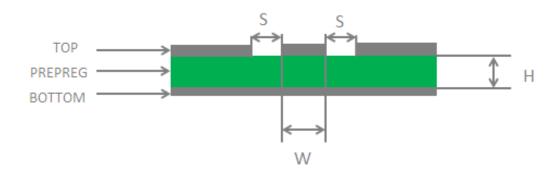


Figure 14: Coplanar Waveguide Design on a 2-layer PCB

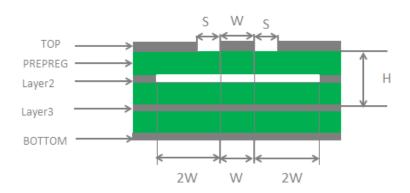


Figure 15: Coplanar Waveguide Design on a 4-layer PCB (Layer 3 as Reference Ground)



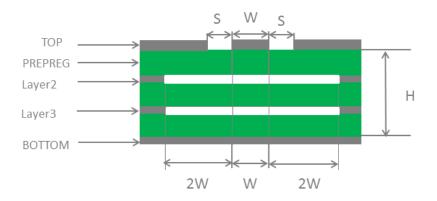


Figure 16: Coplanar Waveguide Design on a 4-layer PCB (Layer 4 as Reference Ground)

To ensure RF performance and reliability, follow the principles below in RF layout design:

- Use an impedance simulation tool to accurately control the characteristic impedance of RF traces to  $50 \Omega$ .
- The GND pins adjacent to RF pins should not be designed as thermal relief pads, and should be fully connected to ground.
- The distance between the RF pins and the RF connector should be as short as possible and all the right-angle traces should be changed to curved ones. The recommended trace angle is 135°.
- There should be clearance under the signal pin of the antenna connector or solder joint.
- The reference ground of RF traces should be complete. Meanwhile, adding some ground vias around RF traces and the reference ground could help to improve RF performance. The distance between the ground vias and RF traces should be at least twice the width of RF signal traces (2 x W).
- Keep RF traces away from interference sources (such as DC-DC, (U)SIM/USB/SDIO high frequency digital signals, display signals, and clock signals), and avoid intersection and paralleling between traces on adjacent layers.

For more details about RF layout, see document [2].

#### 4.6.4. RF Connector Recommendation

If RF connector is used for antenna connection, it is recommended to use the U.FL-R-SMT connector provided by Hirose.



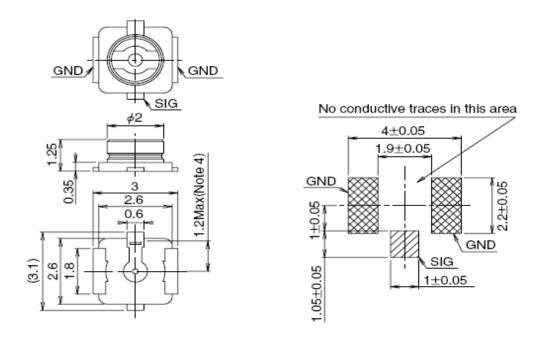


Figure 17: Dimensions of Receptacle (Unit: mm)

U.FL-LP series mated plugs listed in the following figure can be used to match the U.FL-R-SMT connector.

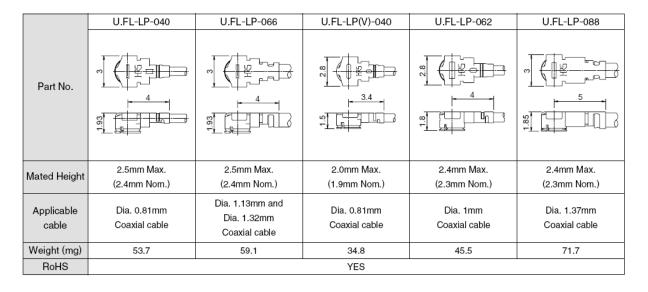


Figure 18: Specifications of Mated Plugs

The following figure describes the space factor of mated connectors.



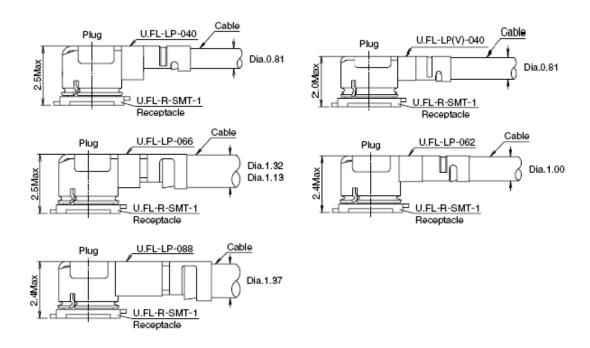


Figure 19: Space Factor of Mated Connectors (Unit: mm)

For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.hirose.com">http://www.hirose.com</a>.



# **5** Electrical Characteristics and Reliability

# 5.1. Absolute Maximum Ratings

Table 11: Absolute Maximum Ratings (Unit: V)

Parameter	Min.	Max.
VBAT	-0.5	6 6
VDD_IO	-0.5	2.2

# 5.2. Power Supply Ratings

Table 12: Module's Power Supply Ratings (Unit: V)

Parameter	Description	Condition	Min.	Тур.	Max.
VBAT	Power supply for the module	The actual input voltages must be kept between the minimum and maximum values.	3.0	3.3	4.8
VDD_IO	Power supply for I/O pins	-	1.62	1.8	1.98

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The maximum continuous voltage is 5.25 V. Voltage transients up to 6.0 V for up to 10 s, and transients as high as 5.5 V for up to 250 s, cumulative duration over the lifetime of the module, are allowed.



# 5.3. Power Consumption

#### 5.3.1.Wi-Fi Power Consumption

Table 13: FCS962N-LP Power Consumption in Non-signalling Mode (Typ.; Unit: mA)

Condition			I <sub>VBAT</sub>	I <sub>VDD_IO</sub>
2.4 GHz	802.11b	Tx 1 Mbps @ 19 dBm	259.85	2.87
		Tx 11 Mbps @ 19 dBm	253.11	2.88
	802.11g	Tx 6 Mbps @ 18.5 dBm	239.72	1.12
		Tx 54 Mbps @ 18 dBm	157.19	1.29
	802.11n	Tx HT20 MCS 0 @ 18 dBm	147.92	1.14
		Tx HT20 MCS 7 @ 17 dBm	53.90	1.23
	802.11ax	Tx HH20 MCS 0 @ 18 dBm	128.28	1.08
		Tx HE20 MCS 11 @ 15 dBm	46.94	0.96
5 GHz	802.11a	Tx 6 Mbps @ 17.5 dBm	205.42	1.42
		Tx 54 Mbps @ 16.5 dBm	79.77	1.57
	802.11n	Tx HT20 MCS 0 @ 17.5 dBm	324.42	1.44
		Tx HT20 MCS 7 @ 15 dBm	198.15	1.52
	802.11ac	Tx VHT20 MCS 0 @ 17.5 dBm	325.12	1.46
		Tx VHT20 MCS 8 @ 14 dBm	192.33	1.44
	802.11ax	Tx HE 20 MCS 0 @ 17.5 dBm	194.63	1.39
		Tx HE 20 MCS 11 @ 13 dBm	62.47	1.27



Table 14: FCS963N-LP Power Consumption in Non-signalling Mode (Typ.; Unit: mA)

Condition			I <sub>VBAT</sub>	I <sub>VDD_IO</sub>
	802.11b	Tx 1 Mbps @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
		Tx 11 Mbps @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
	000.11~	Tx 6 Mbps @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
2.4 GHz	802.11g	Tx 54 Mbps @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
2.4 0112	802.11n	Tx HT20 MCS 0 @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
	002.1111	Tx HT20 MCS 7 @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
	802.11ax	Tx HH20 MCS 0 @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
	002.11ax	Tx HE20 MCS 11 @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
	802.11a	Tx 6 Mbps @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
		Tx 54 Mbps @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
5 GHz	802.11n	Tx HT20 MCS 0 @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
		Tx HT20 MCS 7 @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
	802.11ac	Tx VHT20 MCS 0 @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
		Tx VHT20 MCS 8 @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
	802.11ax	Tx HE 20 MCS 0 @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
	002.11dx	Tx HE 20 MCS 11 @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
6 GHz	802.11a	Tx 6 Mbps @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
		Tx 54 Mbps @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
0 01 12	802.11ax	Tx HE 20 MCS 0 @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
		Tx HE 20 MCS 11 @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD



# **5.3.2.** Bluetooth Power Consumption

Table 15: FCS962N-LP Bluetooth Power Consumption in Non-signaling Mode (Unit: mA)

Condition	I <sub>VBAT</sub>	I <sub>VDD_IO</sub>
BR @ 9.5 dBm	10.98	0.39
EDR (π/4-DQPSK) @ 4.5 dBm	28.0	0.37
EDR (8-DPSK) @ 4.5 dBm	28.07	0.37
BLE (1 Mbps) @ 9.5 dBm	25.89	0.37
BLE (2 Mbps) @ 9.5 dBm	17.38	0.38

Table 16: FCS963N-LP Bluetooth Power Consumption in Non-signaling Mode (Unit: mA)

Condition	I <sub>VBAT</sub>	I <sub>VDD_IO</sub>
BR @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
EDR (π/4-DQPSK) @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
EDR (8-DPSK) @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
BLE (1 Mbps) @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD
BLE (2 Mbps) @ TBD dBm	TBD	TBD



# 5.4. Digital I/O Characteristics

Table 17: VDD\_IO I/O Requirements (Unit: V)

Parameter	Description	Min.	Max.
V <sub>IH</sub>	High-level input voltage	0.65 × VDD_IO	-
V <sub>IL</sub>	Low-level input voltage	-	0.35 × VDD_IO
V <sub>OH</sub>	High-level output voltage	VDD_IO - 0.40	-
V <sub>OL</sub>	Low-level output voltage	-	0.45

# 5.5. ESD Protection

Static electricity occurs naturally and it may damage the module. Therefore, applying proper ESD countermeasures and handling methods is imperative. For example, wear anti-static gloves during the development, production, assembly and testing of the module; add ESD protection components to the ESD sensitive interfaces and points in the product design.

Table 18: Electrostatic Discharge Characteristics (Unit: kV)

Model	Test Result	Standard
Human Body Model (HBM)	±2	ESDA/JEDEC JS-001-2017
Charged Device Model (CDM)	±0.25	ESDA/JEDEC JS-002-2018



# **6** Mechanical Information

This chapter describes the mechanical dimensions of the module. All dimensions are measured in millimeter (mm), and the dimensional tolerances are ±0.2 mm unless otherwise specified.

### 6.1. Mechanical Dimensions

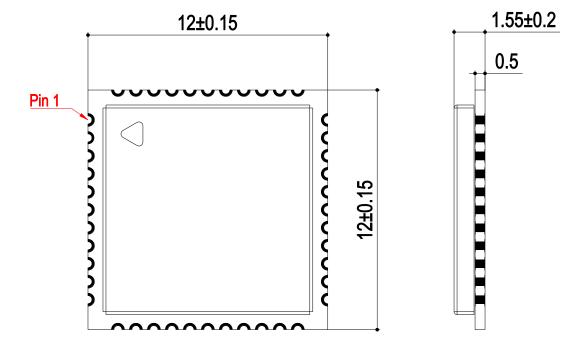


Figure 20: Top and Side Dimensions



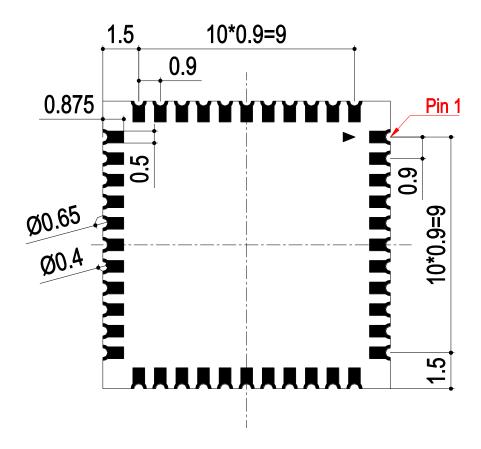


Figure 21: Bottom Dimension (Bottom View)

NOTE

The module's coplanarity standard: ≤ 0.13 mm.



# **6.2 Recommended Footprint**

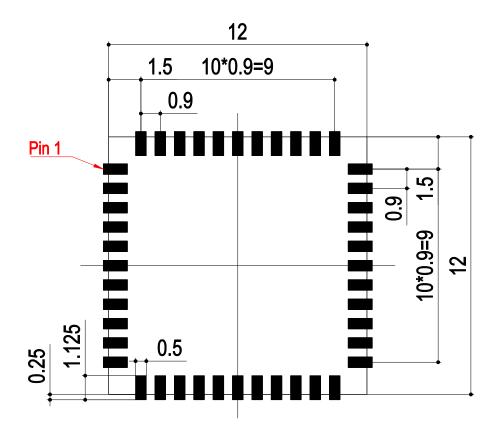


Figure 22: Recommended Footprint

## **NOTE**

Keep at least 3 mm between the module and other components on the motherboard to improve soldering quality and maintenance convenience.



# 6.3 Top and Bottom Views

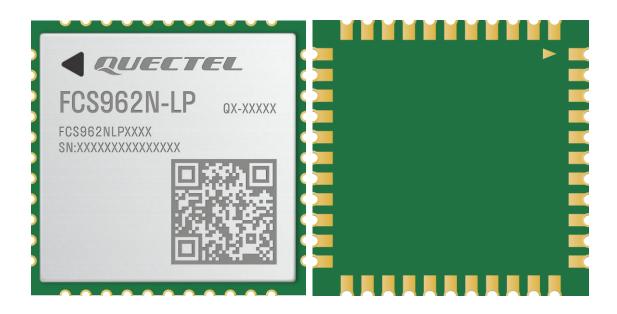


Figure 23: FCS962N-LP Top and Bottom Views

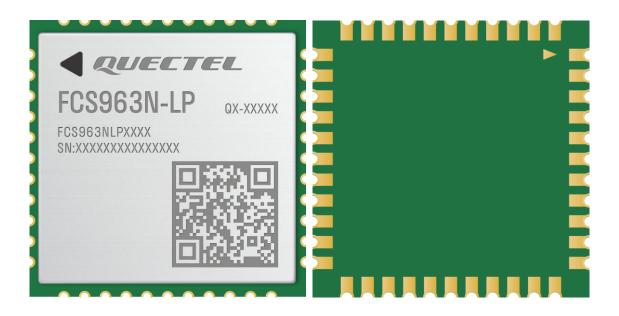


Figure 24: FCS963N-LP Top and Bottom Views

# **NOTE**

Images above are for illustration purpose only and may differ from the actual module. For authentic appearance and label, please refer to the module received from Quectel.



# 7 Storage, Manufacturing and Packaging

# 7.1 Storage Conditions

The module is provided with vacuum-sealed packaging. MSL of the module is rated as 3. The storage requirements are shown below.

- 1. Recommended Storage Condition: the temperature should be 23 ±5 °C and the relative humidity should be 35–60 %.
- 2. Shelf life (in a vacuum-sealed packaging): 12 months in Recommended Storage Condition.
- 3. Floor life: 168 hours<sup>7</sup> in a factory where the temperature is 23 ±5 °C and relative humidity is below 60 %. After the vacuum-sealed packaging is removed, the module must be processed in reflow soldering or other high-temperature operations within 168 hours. Otherwise, the module should be stored in an environment where the relative humidity is less than 10 % (e.g., a dry cabinet).
- 4. The module should be pre-baked to avoid blistering, cracks and inner-layer separation in PCB under the following circumstances:
  - The module is not stored in Recommended Storage Condition;
  - Violation of the third requirement mentioned above;
  - Vacuum-sealed packaging is broken, or the packaging has been removed for over 24 hours;
  - Before module repairing.
- 5. If needed, the pre-baking should follow the requirements below:
  - The module should be baked for 8 hours at 120 ±5 °C;
  - The module must be soldered to PCB within 24 hours after the baking, otherwise it should be put in a dry environment such as in a dry cabinet.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This floor life is only applicable when the environment conforms to *IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033*. It is recommended to start the solder reflow process within 24 hours after the package is removed if the temperature and moisture do not conform to, or are not sure to conform to *IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033*. And do not unpack the modules in large quantities until they are ready for soldering.



### NOTE

- 1. To avoid blistering, layer separation and other soldering issues, extended exposure of the module to the air is forbidden.
- 2. Take out the module from the package and put it on high-temperature-resistant fixtures before baking. If shorter baking time is desired, see *IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033* for the baking procedure.
- 3. Pay attention to ESD protection, such as wearing anti-static gloves, when touching the modules.

# 7.2 Manufacturing and Soldering

Push the squeegee to apply the solder paste on the surface of stencil, thus making the paste fill the stencil openings and then penetrate to the PCB. Apply proper force on the squeegee to produce a clean stencil surface on a single pass. To guarantee module soldering quality, the thickness of stencil for the module is recommended to be 0.15–0.18 mm. For more details, see **document [3]**.

The recommended peak reflow temperature should be 235–246 °C, with 246 °C as the absolute maximum reflow temperature. To avoid damage to the module caused by repeated heating, it is recommended that the module should be mounted only after reflow soldering for the other side of PCB has been completed. The recommended reflow soldering thermal profile (lead-free reflow soldering) and related parameters are shown below.

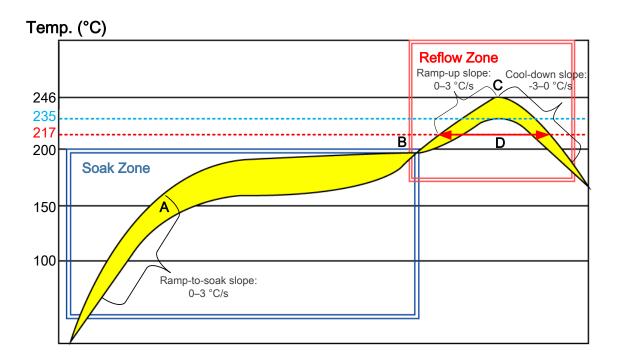


Figure 25: Recommended Reflow Soldering Thermal Profile



**Table 19: Recommended Thermal Profile Parameters** 

Factor	Recommended Value
Soak Zone	
Ramp-to-soak slope	0–3 °C/s
Soak time (between A and B: 150 °C and 200 °C)	70–120 s
Reflow Zone	
Ramp-up slope	0–3 °C/s
Reflow time (D: over 217°C)	40–70 s
Max. temperature	235–246 °C
Cool-down slope	-3-0 °C/s
Reflow Cycle	
Max. reflow cycle	1

## NOTE

- 1. The above profile parameter requirements are for the measured temperature of the solder joints. Both the hottest and coldest spots of solder joints on the PCB should meet the above requirements.
- 2. During manufacturing and soldering, or any other processes that may contact the module directly, NEVER wipe the module's shielding can with organic solvents, such as acetone, ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, trichloroethylene, etc. Otherwise, the shielding can may become rusted.
- 3. The shielding can for the module is made of Cupro-Nickel base material. It is tested that after 12 hours' Neutral Salt Spray test, the laser engraved label information on the shielding can is still clearly identifiable and the QR code is still readable, although white rust may be found.
- 4. If a conformal coating is necessary for the module, do NOT use any coating material that may chemically react with the PCB or shielding cover, and prevent the coating material from flowing into the module.
- 5. Avoid using ultrasonic technology for module cleaning since it can damage crystals inside the module.
- 6. Avoid using materials that contain mercury (Hg), such as adhesives, for module processing, even if the materials are RoHS compliant and their mercury content is below 1000 ppm (0.1 %).
- 7. Corrosive gases may corrode the electronic components inside the module, affecting their reliability and performance, and potentially leading to a shortened service life that fails to meet the designed lifespan. Therefore, do not store or use unprotected modules in environments containing corrosive gases such as hydrogen sulfide, sulfur dioxide, chlorine, and ammonia.
- 8. Due to the complexity of the SMT process, please contact Quectel Technical Support in advance for any situation that you are not sure about, or any process (e.g. selective soldering, ultrasonic soldering) that is not mentioned in *document* [4].



# 7.3 Packaging Specification

This chapter outlines the key packaging parameters and processes. All figures below are for reference purposes only, as the actual appearance and structure of packaging materials may vary in delivery.

The modules are packed in a tape and reel packaging as specified in the sub-chapters below.

### 7.3.1 Carrier Tape

Carrier tape dimensions are illustrated in the following figure and table:

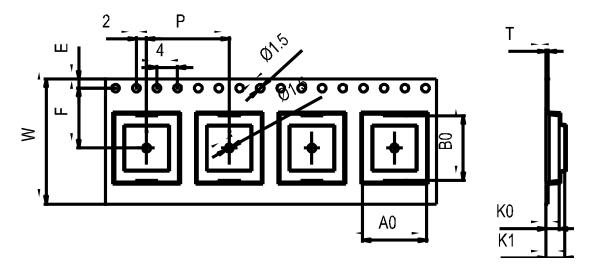


Figure 26: Carrier Tape Dimension Drawing (Unit: mm)

**Table 20: Carrier Tape Dimension Table (Unit: mm)** 

W	Р	Т	A0	В0	K0	K1	F	E
24	16	0.35	12.4	12.4	2.05	3.6	11.5	1.75



### 7.3.2 Plastic Reel

Plastic reel dimensions are illustrated in the following figure and table:

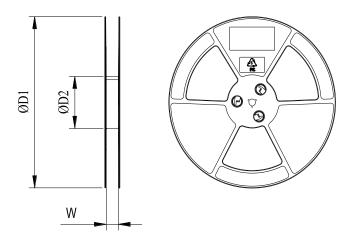
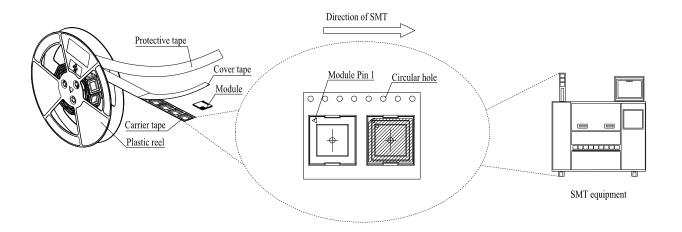


Figure 27: Plastic Reel Dimension Drawing

**Table 21: Plastic Reel Dimension Table (Unit: mm)** 

øD1	øD2	W
330	100	24.5

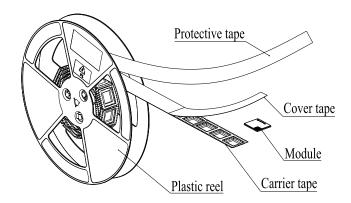
# 7.3.3 Mounting Direction



**Figure 28: Mounting Direction** 

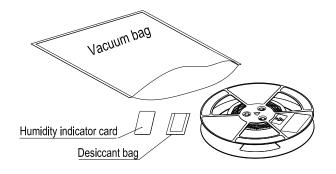


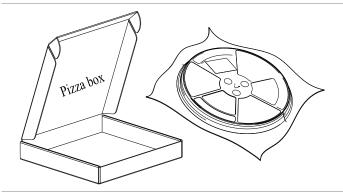
## 7.3.4 Packaging Process



Place the modules onto the carrier tape cavity and cover them securely with cover tape. Wind the heat-sealed carrier tape onto a plastic reel and apply a protective tape for additional protection. 1 plastic reel can pack 1000 modules.

Place the packaged plastic reel, humidity indicator card and desiccant bag into a vacuum bag, and vacuumize it.





Place the vacuum-packed plastic reel into a pizza box.

Place the 4 packaged pizza boxes into 1 carton and seal it. 1 carton can pack 4000 modules.

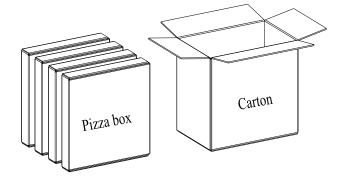


Figure 29: Packaging Process



# 8 Appendix References

### **Table 22: Related Documents**

Document Name		
[1] Quectel_RK3568-WF_EVB_User_Guide		
[2] Quectel_RF_Layout_Application_Note		
[3] Quectel_Module_Stencil_Design_Requirements		
[4] Quectel_Module_SMT_Application_Note		

### **Table 23: Terms and Abbreviations**

Abbreviation	Description
AP	Access Point
BLE	Bluetooth Low Energy
BPSK	Binary Phase Shift Keying
BR	Basic Rate
ВТ	Bluetooth
ССК	Complementary Code Keying
CDM	Charged Device Model
CTS	Clear To Send
DBPSK	Differential Binary Phase Shift Keying
DPSK	Differential Phase Shift Keying
DQPSK	Differential Quadrature Phase Shift Keying
DSSS	Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum



EDR	Enhanced Date Rate
ESD	Electrostatic Discharge
EVM	Error Vector Magnitude
GFSK	Gaussian Frequency Shift Keying
GND	Ground
GPIO	General-Purpose Input/Output
GSPI	General Serial Peripheral Interface
НВМ	Human Body Model
HCI	Host Controller Interface
НТ	High Throughput
I/O	Input/Output
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IRQ	Interrupt Request
LCC	Leadless Chip Carrier (package)
LE	Low Energy
Mbps	Million Bits Per Second
MCS	Modulation and Coding Scheme
MSL	Moisture Sensitivity Levels
NC	Not Connected
NM	Not Mounted
PCB	Printed Circuit Board
PCM	Pulse Code Modulation
QAM	Quadrature Amplitude Modulation
QPSK	Quadrature Phase Shift Keying
RF	Radio Frequency



RoHS	Restriction of Hazardous Substances
RTS	Request to Send
RXD	Receive Data
SDIO	Secure Digital Input/Output
SMD	Surface Mount Device
SMT	Surface Mount Technology
STA	Station
Тх	Transmit
TXD	Transmit Data
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter
(U)SIM	(Universal) Subscriber Identity Module
VHT	Very High Throughput
V <sub>IH</sub>	High-level Input Voltage
$V_{IL}$	Low-level Input Voltage
Vmax	Maximum Voltage
Vmin	Minimum Voltage
Vnom	Nominal Voltage
V <sub>OH</sub>	High-level Output Voltage
V <sub>OL</sub>	Low-level Output Voltage
VSWR	Voltage Standing Wave Ratio
WPA	Wi-Fi Protected Access



### **FCC Statement**

Warning: Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help

The device must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter. This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

### FCC Radiation Exposure Statement

This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20cm between the radiator and your body.

Does not comply with the use restrictions of the product:

Portable devices used close with human's body (within 20cm), Like Cell phone, Notebook etc.

# Integration instructions for host product manufacturers according to KDB 996369 D03 OEM Manual v01

### 2.2 List of applicable FCC rules

FCC Part 15 Subpart C 15.247 & 15.209 &15.407.

### 2.3 Specific operational use conditions

The module can be used for mobile applications with a maximum 0.2dBi antenna. The host manufacturer installing this module into their product must ensure that the final compos it product complies with the FCC requirements by a technical assessment or evaluation to the FCC rules,



including the transmitter operation. The host manufacturer has to be aware not to provide information to the end user regarding how to install or remove this RF module in the user's manual of the end product which integrates this module The end user manual shall include all required regulatory information/warning as show in this manual.

### 2.4 Limited module procedures

Not applicable The module is a Single module and complies with the requirement of FCC Part 15 212.

### 2.5 Trace antenna designs

Not applicable The module has its own antenna, and doesn't need a hosts printed board micro strip trace antenna etc.

### 2.6 RF exposure considerations

The module must be installed in the host equipment such that at least 20cm is maintained between the antenna and users" body; and if RF exposure statement or module layout is changed, then the host product manufacturer required to take responsibility of the module through a change in FCC ID or new application The FCC ID of the module cannot be used on the final product In these circumstances, the host manufacturer will be responsible for reevaluating the end product (including the transmitter) and obtaining a separate FCC authorization.

#### 2.7 Antennas

Antenna Specification are as follows:

Type: External Antenna

Gain: 2.4G:0.2dBi;5G:-0.7dBi;

This device is intended only for host manufacturers under the following conditions: The transmitter module may not be co-located with any other transmitter or antenna; The module shall be only used with the internal antenna(s) that has been originally tested and certified with this module. The antenna must be either permanently attached or employ a "unique" antenna coupler.

As long as the conditions above are met, further transmitter test will not be required However, the host manufacturer is still responsible for testing their end-product for any additional compliance requirements required with this module installed (for example, digital device emissions, PC peripheral requirements, etc).

### 2.8 Label and compliance information

Host product manufacturers need to provide a physical or e-label stating "Contains FCC ID: XMR25FCS962NLP" with their finished product.

### 2.9 Information on test modes and additional testing requirements

Host manufacturer must perform test of radiated & conducted emission and spurious emission, e.t.c according to the actual test modes for a stand-alone modular transmitter in a host, as well as for multiple simultaneously transmitting modules or other transmitters in a host product. Only when all the test results of test modes comply with FCC requirements, then the end product can be sold legally.

### 2.10 Additional testing, Part 15 Subpart B disclaimer



The modular transmitter is only FCC authorized for FCC Part 15 Subpart C 15.247 & 15 209 &15.407 and that the host product manufacturer is responsible for compliance to any other FCC rules that apply to the host not covered by the modular transmitter grant of certification. If the grantee markets their product as being Part 15 Subpart B compliant (when it also contains unintentional-radiator digital circuity), then the grantee shall provide a notice stating that the final host product still requires Part 15 Subpart B compliance testing with the modular transmitter installed.

### Federal Communication Commission Statement (FCC, US)

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

### **FCC Caution:**

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

### Co-location warning:

This transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

### **OEM** integration instructions:

This device is intended only for OEM integrators under the following conditions:

The transmitter module may not be co-located with any other transmitter or antenna The module shall be only used with the external antenna(s) that has been originally tested and certified with this module.

As long as the conditions above are met, further transmitter test will not be required. However, the OEM integrator is still responsible for testing their end-product for any additional compliance



requirements required with this module installed (for example, digital device emissions, PC peripheral requirements, etc.).

### Validity of using the module certification:

In the event that these conditions cannot be met (for example certain laptop configurations or co-location with another transmitter), then the FCC authorization for this module in combination with the host equipment is no longer considered valid and the FCC ID of the module cannot be used on the final product In these circumstances, the OEM integrator will be responsible for re-evaluating the end product (including the transmitter) and obtaining a separate FCC authorization.

### End product labeling:

The final end product must be labeled in a visible area with the following: "Contains Transmitter Module FCC ID: XMR25FCS962NLP"

### Information that must be placed in the end user manual:

The OEM integrator has to be aware not to provide information to the end user regarding how to install or remove this RF module in the user's manual of the end product which integrates this module The end user manual shall include all required regulatory information/warning as show in this manual.

## **IC Statement**

This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device. Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes :(1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

The device is compliance with RF field strength limits, users can obtain Canadian information on RF exposure and compliance.

### IC Radiation Exposure Statement

This equipment complies with IC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20cm between the radiator & your body.

Déclaration d'exposition aux radiations:

Cet équipement est conforme aux limites d'exposition aux rayonnements IC établies pour un environnement non contrôlé. Cet équipement doit être installé et utilisé avec un minimum de 20 cm de distance entre la source de rayonnement et votre corps.

The user manual for local area network devices shall contain instructions related to the restrictions



mentioned in the above sections, namely that:

- (i) the device for operation in the band 5150-5250 MHz is only for indoor use to reduce the potential for harmful interference to co-channel mobile satellite systems;
- (ii) the maximum antenna gain permitted for devices in the bands 5250-5350 MHz and 5470-5725 MHz shall comply with the e.i.r.p. limit; and
- (iii) the maximum antenna gain permitted for devices in the band 5725-5825 MHz shall comply with the e.i.r.p. limits specified for point-to-point and non point-to-point operation as appropriate.
- (i)Les dispositifs fonctionnant dans la bande 5150-5250 MHz sont réservés uniquement pour une utilisation à l'intérieur afin de réduire les risques de brouillage préjudiciable aux systèmes de satellites mobiles utilisant les mêmes canaux.
- (ii) le gain d'antenne maximal autorisé pour les appareils dans les bandes 5250-5350 MHz et 5470-5725 MHz doivent respecter le pire limiter; et
- (iii) le gain d'antenne maximal autorisé pour les appareils dans la bande 5725-5825 MHz doivent respecter le pire limites spécifiées pour le point-à-point et l'exploitation non point à point, le cas échéant.

Users should also be advised that high-power radars are allocated as primary users (i.e. priority users) of the bands 5250-5350 MHz and 5650-5850 MHz and that these radars could cause interference and/or damage to LE-LAN devices.

Les utilisateurs de radars de haute puissance sont désignés utilisateurs principaux (c.-à-d., qu'ils ont la priorité) pour les bandes 5250-5350 MHz et 5650-5850 MHz et que ces radars pourraient causer du brouillage et/ou des dommages aux dispositifs LAN-EL.